



# **South Haven Rod & Gun Club Inc.**

## **Newsletter**

Winter 2014 January-March

68611 8th Ave., South Haven, MI

### **Important Dates**

- ◆ Michiana Archers: January 18th, February 15th and March 22nd.
- ◆ Sunday Morning Breakfast start January 5th - 9 to 11 A.M. through March.
- ◆ Youth Indoor .22 Rifle shooting starting January 5th at 12:30 and continuing bi-weekly through March.

### **Website**

**Remember to check out our website [shrgc.org](http://shrgc.org) for all the latest club updates.**

### **Stepping Stones**

**“So, before you are tempted to give up or get discouraged, remember all success is based on long term commitment, faith, discipline, attitude and a few stepping stones along the way. You might not like the stone you are on right now, but there is sure to be a stone that leads to great enjoyment in the future.”**

**As our club changes both with new procedures and physical alterations there will be stones along the way that will be right for you .**

## **Major Lower Range Work**

If you haven't been by the club lately then you haven't had a chance to see the work we have had done to the lower outdoor range.

A contractor was hired to move dirt to increase the height of the 200 yard berm and move the handgun range so it is parallel to the rifle range and its firing points are in line with the shooting benches under the shelter. Some of the brush has been

cleaned up along with the re-opening of the ditch that was at the bottom of the hill. This ditch drained the east side of the property to the river through a tube under the drive. You will also notice short intermediate berms which have been placed just beyond the 50 yard target line and the 100 yard target line. These coupled with new target holders will catch any shots from possibly

glancing off the ground. It is very important that we all use the new holders, paper targets and only shoot down your firing point lane.

This spring as soon as the weather allows, the contractor still has to do a little work and we will then have the task of smoothing the ground, planting grass seed and re-installing the target holder sockets. The ranges will remain closed until the work is complete.

### **General Membership Meetings**

**Held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM**

## **Membership Limit / By-Law Change**

At our November 2013 Membership meeting it was motioned and passed that the limit cap of 225 members be removed from our by-laws. Currently we are at our maximum of 225 members and no new members can be accepted until after the February

meeting which is the last chance for renewal of club memberships. Then the new applicants would fill the vacated spaces. This has set off a series of fire storms from how we handle a increase in members by the club officials to background checks to

the current misuse of club facilities by unknown individuals.. The motion was again read at the December meeting and will be voted on at the February meeting according to the proper procedure to amend the by-laws.

## From the Prez - Membership Issues

By Earl Akehurst, President

This dramatic increase in member's using and misusing the club facility's, along with the club officers learning more about club liability concerning misuse of club facility's, which could result in the closure of all of the outdoor firearms ranges, has resulted in my decision to vote against the By-Law change to remove the membership limit. I have spent numerous hours discussing this with several people, police officers, lawyers, mem-



bers, people that would like to close the club ranges, and people that would like open the club to anyone. It is only after much thought that I have come to the decision that until we get our new member application system

in place it is NOT worth the risk of losing our right to discharge firearms outside our building just to possibly gain a very few new members for a short time. I am quite sure there will be membership slots available after the Feb. meeting, if NOT we will have a new membership process in place by 1 July 2014 and any deserving person will be able to have full membership.

## Club Officers for 2014

At the December Membership meeting an election of the club officers for this coming year of 2014 was held. The following incumbents were re-elected; Earl Akehurst President, Jim Emehiser Vice-President and Dave Overhiser Treasurer. Elected to her first term on the board is Kristy Young who will be serving as club secretary. Also newly elected for his first

term as director is Nick Anders. Craig Lewis has been re-elected as a club director and Dave Wiatrowski will again serve as a director and past president. These folks have accepted the call to duty to serve and guide the club through this coming year and the challenges that leadership involves. If you see them around the club offer your



support and help. I'm sure it will be welcome and greatly appreciated.

With the election in December we not only have new officers, but we have two out going officers who have served the club well during their terms of office. First we have the former secretary Craig Massey who has served but now due to personal circumstances did not seek re-election. The other is a very long time di-



rector who has served and served well for more than 20 years. That person is Walt Harry a dedicated member. I'll also take this time to thank

Butch Trowbridge who has been keeping the club grounds mowed and maintained.

*Thank you in a very grateful way for your service to the club.*

*When you see them, shake their hand and say Thanks, job well done.*



## Winter Shooting Activities

Indoor .22 Rimfire Benchrest Rifle League has started and will continue through April on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. There are four classes; Unlimited, Sporter, Open Sights and Semi-Auto. There is a little something for everyone, so come on out and try your hand. Make-up targets can be shot at Thursday night practice. *All are welcome*

Action Pistol has been very slow the last few years and now that we are starting to see more ammo and reloading components on the shelves we should see a little more activity.

Generally the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays were Centerfire Defensive where defense scenarios were set up and shooters would go through the drills. The 2nd and 4th Wednesdays are for .22 Re-Active shooting with competitive eliminations during the evening. The shooting starts at 6:30 PM.



Trap is back and alive every Sunday morning after a 6 week break. The event starts at 9:30 each Sunday morning. Come on out and have a good breakfast and shoot a few rounds.

**BRING A FRIEND, REMEMBER ALL OUR SHOOTING EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBIC!**

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Kristy Young is putting on the following classes; NRA Basic Pistol and Personal Protection in the Home (which is required for CPL) on a regular basis at the club. She is a life long shooter and has attended "Babes with Bullets" camps, and is actively shooting in Steel Challenge and USPSA (United States Practical Shooters Association) matches.

-Visit our website for class schedules and information or call Kristy-

## Sunday Breakfast is Back!

That's right, Sunday Morning Breakfast is back starting January 5th from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. You can expect the usual fabulous servings of eggs, toast, potatoes and meat along with pancakes and Beth's famous waffles. There will be hot coffee a plenty along with latest club news and camaraderie. Come on out and bring your friends and neighbors, help support your club.



## Important Dues Information!

**You should have received your membership card with this newsletter if you have joined or renewed for 2014. If you did not you need to visit the website download a application and completely fill it out & send it in with the payment. After February 10th you will have to re-apply as a new member with procedures and costs.**

## Appreciation Potluck Dinner

There are plans for a Appreciation Dinner to be held on February 8th. It will be a potluck style dinner with the club providing the meat course.

The dinner is scheduled to start at 6:00 PM with appetizers and refreshments and then continue with the main course and dessert. It will also be a BYO so feel free to bring

your favorite beverage,. Coffee and punch will be provided. This will be a family event so include the kids, grandkids and friends.

We are trying to get a variety of dishes and desserts to serve, so feel free to bring more than one thing.

If there is anyone interested in

helping with this event we need help to organize the food, put together adult and kids games as well as any other activities.

Call Dave Wiatrowski if you have any questions or can assist.  
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## 2014 Club Officers

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Director / Trustee	Craig Lewis	269-906-0550	craigl667@yahoo.com
Director / Trustee	Nick Anders	269-208-3662	nickanders@mac.com
Director / Past Pres.	Dave Wiatrowski	269-767-1078	bigboredave@yahoo.com

### Board Responsibilities

- ◆ governing the organization by establishing broad policies and objectives
- ◆ ensuring the availability of adequate financial resources
- ◆ approving annual budgets
- ◆ strategic planning and safety

### **Club Website - SHRGC.org**

**INDOOR RANGE : Action Pistol - Rimfire Benchrest - Youth Rifle - Archery**

**TRAP: Singles - Doubles - Handicap / yardage**

**OUTDOOR RANGES : Rifle / Handgun - Benchrest - Egg Shoots**

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